

First Baptist Church of Central Square

March 2020

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Birthdays:

Jon Kuiper 5
Alyssa Merrow 10
Linda Heer 23
Liz Casatelli 29
Nancy Leamon 31

Anniversaries:

Dail & Rich Mizerski 25

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
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2020 Missions

In an effort to target our mission works, we will now have monthly specific offerings. In **MARCH**, we will be collecting pasta sauce! Please bring them with you to church on Sunday.

Welcome Pastor Lillian Cabral

Pastor Lillian Cabral is now our 30th pastor of the First Baptist Church of Central Square!

Trustee Updates

The trustees are looking into buying a cordless vacuum to better clean the sanctuary.

Diaconate Updates

The deacons are continuing to finalize the membership list.

Christian Education Updates

We will be having a VBS with the Community Church and Universalist Church. If you would like to participate, please see Rebekah.

Adopt a Missionary

After thoughtful praying, researching, and discussing, we have decided to adopt a missionary. Her name is Mercy Gonzalez-Barnes. She is a missionary on Latin America. Included in the witness is more information about her and from her. Praise God for the opportunity to do more missions outside of our own community. We are starting to put together small groups to video chat with her! Please see Pastor Lilly for information!

Interested in Being a Member

Membership classes are now forming! See Pastor Lilly!



Upcoming Events

March 14
Women's Dinner

April 12
Sunrise Service (7am)

WHEN *Life* GETS
TOO HARD TO STAND,
Kneel

God gave you a gift
of 86,400 seconds
today. Have you
used one to say
"thank you?"

I did my best,
and God did
the rest.

- Hattie McDaniel

Double Quotes
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Upcoming Events

Maundy Thursday will be at the community church at 6pm.
Sunrise service will be at 6:30am at Geottle Park.

Isaiah 59:1-2

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from God; your sins have hidden his face from you; so that he will not hear.

This week we will begin our journey towards Easter also known as Resurrection Sunday. To get there we should be spending some time in reflection in the period we call Lent.

On Wednesday, the 26th, at 11:00 am, we will be hosting a roundtable discussion with others from around the community to think about Lent and what it means.

Ashes will be available for those that wish to receive them. We tend to think of Ash Wednesday as a Roman Catholic observance but it has deep roots in our Christian beliefs.

In the Bible there were times when people would be so remorseful of their sins that they would sprinkle ashes on their head as a sign of sorrow and repentance. It's often hard for us to recognize our own sin. We like to think we are a good person and we would never commit sin. Sin is far more complicated than we care to admit.

Lent is also a good time to build and repair our relationships with each other but more importantly, with God. Fasting is one way to spend time focused on God and your relationship to Him. Jesus fasted in the desert after his baptism. As we strive to be more like Jesus we should each consider fasting. Of course, fasting isn't recommended for many health conditions but let me challenge you to give up something for Lent.

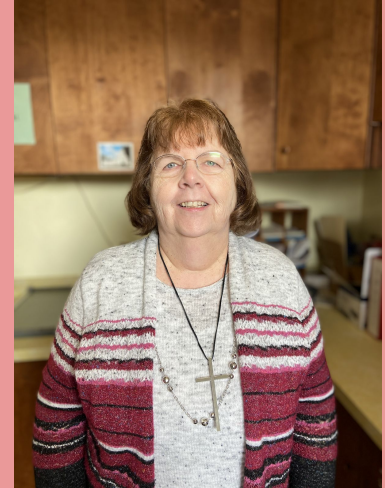
Let me challenge you to give up a half hour every day of Lent to spend time with God. During that half hour read one half of a chapter every day of the Book of John. This isn't a difficult challenge. It will take 40 days to complete the reading. I hope to hear from you what you learned and how it impacted your daily routine.

The world around us is in a mess. Getting closer to God will give us His safety net of peace and joy in turbulent times.

To God be the Glory,
Pastor Lilly



From the Pastor



AND
I WILL GIVE
you pastors
ACCORDING
TO MINE HEART,
which
SHALL FEED YOU
WITH
knowledge &
understanding.
JEREMIAH 3:15
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